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TO: The Commission

FROM: Eve Moran, Administrative Law Judge

DATE: June 20, 2006

SUBJECT: Illinois Bell Telephone Company

Petition requesting Confidential Treatment of Certain Portions of its Alternative Regulation Plan Annual Report.

RECOMMENDATION: Enter attached Order (Granting Relief on the Petition).

While the law creates a presumption of public access to reports filed with Commission (220 ILCS 5/5-109), it further provides the Commission with the authority, and indeed with a direction, to protect any confidential and proprietary information that is being supplied (220 ILCS 5/4-404).

On petition filed by Illinois Bell Telephone Company ("AT&T Illinois" or "the Company"), the instant Order would grant the Company its requested relief of having Exhibit K, (one of the 14 exhibits that constitute the 2005 Alternative Regulation Plan Annual Report), be kept confidential. It is found that this document contains competitively sensitive information and deserves protective treatment.

There is nothing in dispute. No petitions to intervene were filed. Staff appeared at the hearing scheduled on April 24, 2006 and only to state that it had no objection to a grant of the instant petition. On this basis, as on the whole of the record, it is recommended that the Commission adopt the order here tendered as its final Order for this proceeding. The end result is that Exhibit K will be afforded confidential status and protected from public disclosure for five years from the date of its filing.

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